

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A fiber for use in an electronic display, wherein said fiber comprises:
- 2 a) at least one electrode; and
- 3 b) a lens function designed into at least a part of said fiber.
- 1 2. The fiber of claim 1, wherein said electrode is a metal wire electrode contained within
- 2 or on the surface of said fiber.
- 1 3. The fiber of claim 1, wherein said lens function changes a direction of the light passing
- 2 through said fiber.
- 1 4. The fiber of claim 1, wherein said lens function changes a focus of the light passing
- 2 through said fiber.
- 1 5. The fiber of claim 1, wherein said lens function is located on at least one section of at
- 2 least one surface of said fiber.
- 1 6. The fiber of claim 5, wherein said lens function is created by a shape of said fiber
- 2 surface selected from the group consisting of:
- 3 a) a convex shape;
- 4 b) a concave shape; and
- 5 c) a combination of a convex and a concave shape.
- 1 7. The fiber of claim 5, wherein said lens function is created with a lens selected from the
- 2 group consisting of:
- 3 a) a binary lens;
- 4 b) a Fresnel lens; and
- 5 c) a lenticular lens.

- 1 8. The fiber of claim 1, wherein said lens function is created inside said fiber using a
2 material to form said lens having a different index of refraction than said fiber
3 material.
- 1 9. The fiber of claim 1, further comprising at least one absorbing region within said fiber
2 or on said fiber surface, which creates an aperture.
- 1 10. The fiber of claim 1, further comprising at least one reflecting region within said fiber
2 or on said fiber surface, which creates an aperture.
- 1 11. The fiber of claim 1, wherein said fiber further comprises at least one absorbing region
2 such that said absorbing region acts as a black matrix to separate at least one part
3 of said fiber from another part of said fiber.
- 1 12. The fiber of claim 1, wherein said fiber is composed of a material selected from the
2 group consisting of:
3 a) glass; and
4 b) plastic.
- 1 13. The fiber of claim 1, wherein at least one part of said fiber is colored.
- 1 14. The fiber of claim 1, wherein said lens function corrects for a chromatic aberration.
- 1 15. An electronic display comprising at least one fiber of claim 1, wherein said display is a
2 multiple view display.
- 1 16. An electronic display comprising at least one fiber of claim 1, wherein said display is a
2 three-dimensional display.
- 1 17. The electronic display of claim 16, wherein said three-dimensional display is a
2 stereoscopic display.
- 1 18. The electronic display of claim 16, wherein said display is created by varying a focus
2 of an image independently at each individual pixel.

1 19. The electronic display of claim 16, wherein said display is created by dynamically
2 varying a distance of a perceived image from a viewer pixel by individual pixel.

1 20. A fiber for use in an electronic display, wherein said fiber comprises:

2 a) at least one electrode; and

3 b) an aperture in said fiber such that said aperture is formed by at least one
4 optically absorbing or reflecting region.

1 21. The fiber of claim 20, wherein said electrode is a metal wire electrode contained
2 within or on the surface of said fiber.

1 22. The fiber of claim 20, further comprising at least one absorbing region to further
2 define the source of light exiting said aperture.

1 23. An electronic display comprising at least one fiber of claim 20, wherein said display is
2 a multiple view display.

1 24. An electronic display comprising at least one fiber of claim 20, wherein said display is
2 a three-dimensional display.

1 25. The electronic display of claim 24, wherein said three-dimensional display is a
2 stereoscopic display.

1 26. A fiber for use in an electronic display, wherein said fiber comprises:

2 a) at least one wire electrode; and

3 b) at least two transparent materials such that each of said transparent materials
4 have a different index of refraction.

1 27. The fiber of claim 26, wherein said transparent materials form a lens within said fiber.

1 28. The fiber of claim 26, further comprising at least two material stripes contained within
2 said fiber wherein the composition of said material stripes alternates between high
3 and low indices of refraction such that light passing through said fiber is
4 collimated.

1 29. The fiber of claim 26, wherein a plurality of alternating high and low index of
2 refraction material regions are formed within said fiber such that said regions
3 redirect light passing through said fiber.

1 30. The fiber of claim 26, further comprising a waveguide wherein said waveguide is
2 formed from said two transparent materials such that said waveguide directs light
3 through an aperture created in said fiber.

1 31. An electronic display comprising at least one fiber of claim 26, wherein said display is
2 a multiple view display.

1 32. An electronic display comprising at least one fiber of claim 26, wherein said display is
2 a three-dimensional display.

1 33. The electronic display of claim 32, wherein said three-dimensional display is a
2 stereoscopic display.

1 34. The electronic display of claim 32, wherein said display is created by varying a focus
2 of an image independently at each individual pixel.

1 35. The electronic display of claim 32, wherein said display is created by dynamically
2 varying a distance of a perceived image from a viewer pixel by individual pixel.

1 36. A method of creating a fiber for use in an electronic display comprising the steps of :
2 a) forming a preform including at least two distinct materials to be used in said
3 fiber; and
4 b) drawing said preform to form said fiber.

1 37. A method of creating a fiber of claim 36, wherein said preform is formed by co-
2 extruding said distinct materials into a preform.

1 38. A method of creating a three-dimensional image in a display having multiple
2 electrodes and lens curvatures at each pixel that define an appearance of depth of
3 said image at each pixel, comprising:

4 a) subdividing a voltage that creates said appearance of depth in at least one pixel
5 location between more than one of said electrodes in said at least one pixel
6 location such that said appearance of depth is perceived by a viewer to be
7 between either appearance of depth created by applying said voltage to any
8 one of said electrodes individually.

1 39. A method of creating a three-dimensional image in claim 38, further comprising
2 dividing the light intensity map in said at least one pixel location between more
3 than one of said multiple electrodes to create said three-dimensional image.

